# Your Guide to Understanding Genetic Conditions

# CISD2 gene

CDGSH iron sulfur domain 2

#### **Normal Function**

The *CISD2* gene provides instructions for making a protein that is found in the outer membrane of cell structures called mitochondria. Mitochondria are involved in a wide variety of cellular activities, including energy production, chemical signaling, and regulation of cell growth and division. The exact function of the CISD2 protein is unknown, but it is thought to help keep mitochondria functioning normally.

# **Health Conditions Related to Genetic Changes**

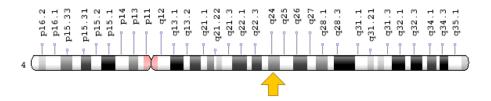
### Wolfram syndrome

At least one mutation in the *CISD2* gene has been found to cause Wolfram syndrome. This condition is characterized by a lack of insulin leading to increased blood sugar (diabetes mellitus), a degeneration of nerves that carry information from the eyes to the brain (optic atrophy), and a number of other features involving the urinary tract, the brain, and hearing. People with this *CISD2* gene mutation also experience gastrointestinal ulcers and excessive bleeding after injury.

The *CISD2* gene mutation that causes Wolfram syndrome replaces the amino acid glutamic acid with the amino acid glutamine at position 37 in the CISD2 protein (written as Glu37Gln or E37Q). This mutation results in an abnormally small, nonfunctional CISD2 protein. As a result, the function of the mitochondria is impaired and they eventually break down. Since the mitochondria provide energy to cells, the loss of mitochondria leads to decreased energy for cells. Cells that do not have enough energy to function will eventually die. Cells with high energy demands, such as nerve cells in the brain, eyes, or gastrointestinal tract, are most susceptible to cell death due to reduced energy. The gradual loss of cells in various body systems likely causes the signs and symptoms of Wolfram syndrome. When Wolfram syndrome is caused by *CISD2* gene mutations, it is sometimes referred to as Wolfram syndrome type 2.

#### **Chromosomal Location**

Cytogenetic Location: 4q24, which is the long (q) arm of chromosome 4 at position 24 Molecular Location: base pairs 102,868,978 to 102,892,807 on chromosome 4 (Homo sapiens Annotation Release 108, GRCh38.p7) (NCBI)



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#### Other Names for This Gene

- CDGSH iron-sulfur domain-containing protein 2
- CISD2\_HUMAN
- endoplasmic reticulum intermembrane small protein
- ERIS
- Miner1
- NAF-1
- nutrient-deprivation autophagy factor-1
- WFS2
- ZCD2
- zinc finger, CDGSH-type domain 2

#### Additional Information & Resources

#### **Educational Resources**

- Biochemistry (fifth edition, 2002): Mitochondria Are Bounded by a Double Membrane

  https://www.nahi.nlm.nih.gov/hanks/NIRK22544/#A2489
  - https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK22511/#A2489
- Madame Curie Bioscience Database: Damage to Mitochondria https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK6156/#A76012

#### Scientific Articles on PubMed

PubMed

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?term=%28CISD2%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28%28ERIS%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28WFS2%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28ZCD2%5BTIAB%5D%29%29+AND+%28%28Genes%5BMH%5D%29+OR+%28Genetic+Phenomena%5BMH%5D%29%29+AND+english%5Bla%5D+AND+human%5Bmh%5D+AND+%22last+3600+days%22%5Bdp%5D

#### **OMIM**

 CDGSH IRON SULFUR DOMAIN PROTEIN 2 http://omim.org/entry/611507

#### Research Resources

- Atlas of Genetics and Cytogenetics in Oncology and Haematology http://atlasgeneticsoncology.org/Genes/GC\_CISD2.html
- ClinVar https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar?term=CISD2%5Bgene%5D
- HGNC Gene Family: CDGSH iron sulfur domain containing http://www.genenames.org/cgi-bin/genefamilies/set/481
- HGNC Gene Symbol Report http://www.genenames.org/cgi-bin/gene\_symbol\_report?q=data/ hgnc\_data.php&hgnc\_id=24212
- NCBI Gene https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/493856
- UniProt http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/Q8N5K1

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